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ADDRESS.

Lambeth, January 1ſt, 1787.

IT is a matter of great concern, to many perſons in this pariſh, that ſo ſmall a proviſion is made in it for the education of GIRLS,—the daughters of poor and induſtrious families. The eſtabliſhment therefore of a GIRLS Charity-School, to be ſupported by voluntary contributions and annual ſubſcriptions, is an object deſerving our attention, eſpecially when we conſider the late increaſe of inhabitants, and the great number of our poor.

In the year 1706, *Archbiſhop Teniſon*, (whoſe liberality and beneficence to Lambeth ought ever to be remembered with gratitude) founded and endowed a School for educating *twelve* GIRLS. By the improvement of the eſtates ſettled upon it, and by the good management of the truſtees, the number is now augmented from *twelve* to *twenty-four*. But as this bears no proportion to the increaſe of inhabitants in this extenſive pariſh, it is hoped that a more ample proviſion may be

made, in order to educate a ſtill greater number of GIRLS; and the well-known humanity of the pariſhioners forbids us to doubt it.

The BOYS Charity-School, roſe from ſmall beginnings to its preſent improved ſtate. *Richard Lawrence*, Eſq. was the founder; but to the liberal donations and annual ſubſcriptions of its numerous friends, we muſt attribute the ſubſequent enlargement of this very uſeful eſtabliſhment; under which *ſeventy* poor BOYS are now educated.

Mrs. *Teniſon* patronized and viſited the GIRLS Charity-School, founded by his Grace the *Archbiſhop*. The ladies of this pariſh will not only admire ſo illuſtrious an example, but will, we are perſuaded, endeavour to promote the ſame benevolent deſign, as well by voluntary contributions and annual ſubſcriptions, as by their occaſional attendance and advice. To them it would be needleſs to offer any arguments in favor of the inſtitution. The obvious miſeries to which poverty and want of proper care and education expoſe ſo many of their ſex, eſpecially in the neighbourhood of our great metropolis, will naturally excite their compaſſion, and cannot fail to have their charitable relief.

This paper is circulated by ſome of the pariſhioners who have this deſirable eſtabliſhment much at heart, and who hope and truſt that all will join with them in encouraging an undertaking, to which every benevolent perſon amongſt us muſt wiſh ſucceſs.

Lambeth, January 14, 1792.

THE above addreſs was no ſooner circulated throughout the pariſh, than the benevolence of the inhabitants diſplayed itſelf, by their immediate attention to its very laudable deſign. Several meetings were held in order to promote this good work, and the friends of the charity have now the ſatisfaction to find that the encouragement which has ſince been given to it, has by no means diſappointed their zealous wiſhes for its ſucceſs. The number of ſubſcribers continues to increaſe, an houſe with a very commodious ſchool-room has been erected, and *thirty-ſix* poor GIRLS are received there for education, and are cloathed. Theſe, conſidering the ſhortneſs of the time, are comfortable appearances, and give us reaſon to hope, that this infant charity will go on by degrees to that maturity and perfection, which other ſimilar inſtitutions have attained to from beginnings ſmall as theſe.

The great extent of this pariſh, the late rapid increaſe of buildings and inhabitants in it, the number of its poor, and the vicinity of the metropolis, furniſh incontrovertible arguments in favour of a plan, which has for its object the Education of Children, the daughters of indigent families. It endeavours, under the bleſſing of God, to reſcue them from the dangers of ignorance, idleneſs, profligacy, and bad example,

and to form them to habits of religion, virtue, and induſtry; and by thus uniting the intereſt of the community with the happineſs of individuals, has an almoſt irreſiſtible claim to our ſupport.

At preſent only three GIRLS are lodged and boarded in the ſchool-houſe with the miſtreſs; but it is propoſed that others, from time to time, ſhall partake of the ſame advantage, as the finances of the charity improve, and may admit of being applied to this deſirable purpoſe.

The Subſcribers deſirous of encouraging the children to behave well in ſervice, have empowered the Treaſurer for the time being, to reward any GIRL who has continued in one place three years, that ſhall produce a certificate of her good conduct from her maſter or miſtreſs, (ſuch certificate to be produced within the ſpace of the firſt five years after her leaving ſchool,) with the ſum of two guineas, as a gratuity for her faithful ſervice, to be laid out at the diſcretion of the Treaſurer.

At a meeting of the Subſcribers, held by notice given for this purpoſe, January 14th and February 18th, 1792, the following Regulations were agreed to:

A Meeting of the Subſcribers ſhall be held every year, upon the *ſecond Saturday* after New Year's Day, to audit the Treaſurer's accounts of the preceding year, and to take into conſideration the further improvement of the Charity, by any new regulations that may be judged neceſſary.

There ſhall be four quarterly meetings in each year, to be held on the *firſt Saturday* after the uſual quarter-days, when the accounts of the Treaſurer ſhall be examined, children having ſtaid their time diſcharged, vacancies filled up, and enquiry made into the ſtate of the ſchool.

A Treaſurer, and alſo a Committee of twelve ſubſcribers, ſhall be appointed every year, at the annual meeting; two of them to attend in rotation, at the ſchool-houſe, on the *firſt Saturday* of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to inſpect the conduct of the ſchool, and make their report at the next quarterly meeting.

The ſubſcribers who are to preſent, ſhall be determined by ballot, and ſuch ballot ſhall continue to be made, as vacancies happen, amongſt thoſe ſubſcribers who have not already preſented.

At every quarterly-meeting, enquiry ſhall be made what vacancies will happen before the next meeting, and the ſame ſhall be notified, by the Treaſurer, to the perſon or perſons who are to preſent; and who, in order to preſent, muſt attend in perſon, or muſt make known their intentions by a letter to the Treaſurer.

The Children, to be admitted, muſt be of parents, or live with relations or friends, who are reſident in this pariſh,—they muſt not be under the age of eight, or above the age of twelve years; and, at the age of fifteen, they are to be diſcharged. Their age, upon admiſſion, to be proved by certificates of their baptiſm from the pariſh regiſter.

The parents or friends of the Children are always to be preſent at their admiſſion, and they muſt promiſe to give ſtrict attention to their conduct when at home, and to do all in their power to promote due obedience to the orders of the ſchool; which orders are to be printed, and hung up in the ſchool-room, and copies of them are to be given, at the time of admiſſion, to the parents or friends of the Children.

When any of the Children are to be reprimanded at the quarterly meetings, the ſubſcribers who preſented ſuch Children, as well as the parents

or friends with whom they live, are to have notice given them of it by the ſchool-miſtreſs.

The time allowed for holidays is a fortnight at Chriſtmas, a week at Eaſter, the ſame at Whitſuntide, and after Saint Bartholomew's Day.

A bible and prayer-book will be given to each Girl when ſhe leaves the ſchool.

ORDERS *to be obſerved by the* GIRLS, *together with directions and admonitions to the parents or friends of the ſaid Girls.*

I. THAT prayers be read in the ſchool-room every morning and evening, by the miſtreſs, or by a girl appointed by her for this purpoſe.

II. That the girls ſhall attend the ſchool, from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, from ſeven o'clock in the morning till twelve, and from one o'clock till five in the afternoon; and from Michaelmas to Lady-Day, from eight o'clock in the morning till twelve, and from one o'clock till betwixt four or five in the afternoon.

III. That the parents or friends of the children, when admitted, ſhall promiſe the truſtees, that their children ſhall conſtantly attend the ſchool at the uſual hours of teaching and working: And alſo, that they ſhall go regularly to church every Wedneſday and Friday, and all holidays in the ſchool-dreſs; and that they will ſend them to ſchool every day, in a clean and decent manner, waſhed and combed.

IV. That the parents or friends of the children ſhall freely ſubmit them to be chaſtiſed for their faults, and forbear coming to the ſchool on ſuch

occaſions, that the miſtreſs may not be interrupted or diſcouraged in the exerciſe of neceſſary diſcipline. But if they have any juſt occaſion of complaint againſt the miſtreſs for too great ſeverity, it ſhall always be made to the Truſtees at their quarterly meetings.

V. That the parents or friends be careful to give their children good examples, by their own ſober and religious behaviour, and do beſides, frequently call upon them at home to repeat their catechiſm, to read the holy ſcriptures, eſpecially on the Lord's Day, and to ſay their prayers morning and evening; that ſo they may be brought up in the practice of family religion.

VI. That the children wear their caps, bands, and cloaths, every day as uſual; and that when any child is removed out of the ſchool for not conforming to the orders thereof, or without the conſent of the truſtees, their cloaths be returned; and their beſt cloaths and linen be brought to ſchool on the Monday morning.

VII. That on every Saturday morning, immediately after ſaying the catechiſm, the cloaths of the children ſhall be examined by the miſtreſs, and none of them ſhall leave the ſchool until each girl ſhall have repaired her cloaths, if repairs are wanting, under the inſpection of the miſtreſs.

VIII. That the parents or friends of the ſaid children be acquainted, that if they do not conform to theſe orders, their children will be diſcharged the ſaid ſchool.

FORM OF BEQUESTS.

Item. I give and bequeath unto A. B. and D. E. the ſum of upon truſt, and to the intent that they or either of them do pay the ſame out of my perſonal eſtate to the Treaſurer for the time being of the *Girls Subſcription-School*, in the Pariſh of *Lambeth* in the *County* of *Surry*; which ſaid ſum I deſire may be applied toward carrying on the charitable deſigns of the ſaid Charity.

N.B. Bequeſts of Land, or Money, or Stocks, to be laid out in Land, will be void by the Mortmain Act.

Needle-Work ſent to Mrs. REED, at the School-Houſe, *High-Street*, *Lambeth*, will be executed on the following Terms:

	s.	d.		s.	d.
A Coarſe napkin,----	0	1			
A fine ditto,----------	0	2			
A coarſe table-cloth,---	0	3			
A fine ditto,----------	0	6			
A pair of coarſe ſheets,	0	9			
A pair of fine ditto,----	1	6			
A body of a ſhift,-----	0	10			
A ditto with ſleeves,---	1	6			
A pair of ſleeves, -----	0	4			
A ſtock, ----------	0	4			
A plain ſhirt, from----	1	6	to	2	0
A ruffled ditto from ---	2	0	to	2	6

And all other work on the ſame reaſonable Terms.

Any Lady or Gentleman deſirous of aſſiſting this infant Charity with their Subſcriptions or Benefactions are requeſted to ſignify their Intentions to the Treaſurer, to any of the Committee, or to Mr. CHARLES WHITE, *the Secretary, Lambeth-Green.*